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The Grackle View

Quick notes:

Summer hours came and went, as did fall hours. We're firmly into winter hours now. Those are:

Tues-Thurs 7-6
Sat & Sun 7:30-5
(We actually
changed the
message on the
phone and
everything!)

Highlights:

Yep, graphs – 1 More graphs – 2 Famous dog! – 3

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The Grackle Coffee Company quarterly newsletter.

Top Scientists: "Time still a construct, concept of "quarterly" irrelevant"

Yes, this means it's time for the year end version of the Grackle newsletter. Yes, there are normally 4 quarters in a whole. Yes, there were only two newsletters in 2009, smarty-pants. However, do you want to argue with TOP SCIENTISTS?

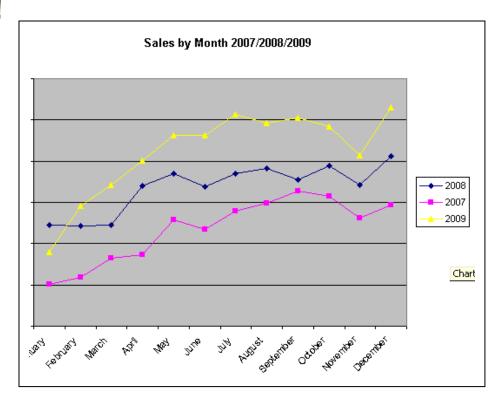
"The strange reality is that we construct time internally, by taking sequential experiences and noticing that they are different. We thus, literally, create time internally, making it a unique experience for each of us. Yes, we can look at a watch, but time is still the collation of the sequential images of looking at the watch. This creates a strange scientific and philosophical dilemma. If we construct something internally, does it exist at all?"

http://changingminds.org/explanations/meaning/time_paradox.htm

And now, on to the graphs, which as we all know aren't theoretical in any way. Serious business, graphs.

Sales up!

2009 started out slow because for the first time ever we were closed the first week and when we got back and turned the coffee machine on. it broke. That wasn't so good (note dismal starting point of yellow line). This year we left it on. Success!



Surprise! More graphs!

Here's some more info in graph form. January we replenish from December (and fix espresso machines if they stop working) plus we're closed some days for vacation! I know, the gall! Anyhow, we suffer too, as you can see by the sad yellow line, looking wayyyy up at break

This issue's highly dubious trivia comes from http://www.alltrivia.net/facts/coffee.htm

"On East Coast U.S. flights "regular" coffee is with milk and sugar; on the West Coast, "regular" coffee is black."

"The bubbles in coffee can tell you what the day's weather will be".

"In Turkey, in the sixteenth century, anyone caught drinking coffee was put to death."

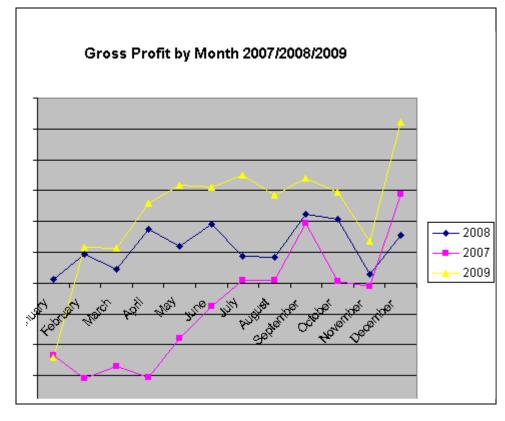
"It takes 42 coffee beans to make an espresso".

"Cappuccino is named for the resemblance of its color to the robes of the monks of the Capuchin order."

Plus this one, from a site a site with the worst name ever. I'm not even sure it's true.

"Meslitta Bentz can be attributed to helping make the world's first drip coffee maker. She did so by making a filter out of one of her son's notebook papers".

http://thelongestlistofthelongeststuffatthelongestdomainnameatlonglast.com/trivia100.html



even. However, things went back to normal in February and then improved markedly – with some funny little skips - through the summer. Those skips are usually about when we have to buy expensive things, like biodegradable cups and spoons. But hey – you're worth it. As is the, you know, planet. Moving on, to quote Will Smith in Bad Boys 2, December was "off the hook". (He says it during a really good car chase in Bad Boys 2 – just youtube it to save yourself the rest of the movie, although there is a good gunfight in there, too. Which is also on youtube. But everything is, really). Main Street Christmas was busy, biscotti sold like biscotti, we had and continue to have really cool recycled material bags... And then we went on vacation! Sweet.

Harmony?

Apparently we're getting "harmonized" taxes come June 2010. Fortunately, coffee is in the 'prepared food and beverage sold for under \$4' category. http://www.news.ontario.ca/rev/en/2009/11/ontario-announces-new-hst-exemptions.html

We will, however, have to serious look into programming the giant calculator someday soon. That ought to be fun. On the plus side, they're bribing us with our own money! For some reason I didn't think that would work on people – plus it sounds illegal – but apparently it's not.

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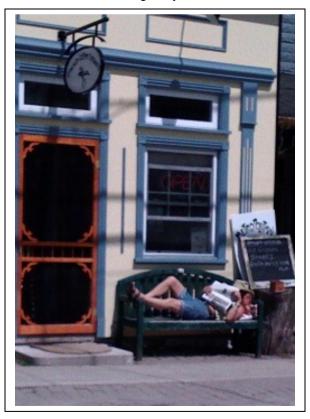
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Celebrity spotting

Our staff picture of the month comes courtesy an eagle-eyed reader and was taken this summer. As the employee was disguised with a hat and newspaper it was not possible to give them their just reward, but they've clearly taken the Grackle motto of "get it yourself" to heart!



Links we like

www.GrackleCoffee.com

www.GreenShift.ca

www.transfair.ca

www.DarkCityCoffee.com

www.CoffeeGeek.com

http://www.metropolitanicecream.com/

www.chocosoltraders.com/

http://www.donsigcones.com/

http://www.flowerchildphotography.ca

http://www.imagesphotoart.com

http://www.chrishiggins.ca



About Our Organization...

The Grackle Management Team is made up of driven, clever and good-looking residents of Schomberg. We squeezed in some graphs again this issue, of course. We regularly meet at Port Soiree, in the rooms where women come and go and talk of Michelangelo, and if you haven't been there, you should go. This quarter everything is running behind even more than last quarter, which essentially was un-reported. There's still not much you can do about it so hopefully you took our advice and learned to like it.

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